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production means for producing a retrieval table in which, with reference to the broadcast times of the programs included in the program guide information, each program is allocated to at least one of a plurality of time zones each having a predetermined length of time.

4. (Amended) A method for retrieving broadcast signals multiplexed with program guide information, including at least information on the broadcast times of programs, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving the broadcast signals;

separating the program guide information from the received broadcast signals; and

producing a retrieval table in which, with reference to the broadcast times of the programs included in the program guide information, each program is allocated to at least one of a plurality of time zones each having a predetermined length of time.

5. (Amended) The program retrieval method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the step of producing a retrieval table includes producing a retrieval table for each genre of the programs.